GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

All India Services – IPS – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), former Additional Director General of Police, Intelligence (now Retired) - Addressed the media on 21.03.2022 at Vijayawada on the issue of the Pegasus, without previous sanction of the Government - Written Statement of Defence Submitted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.1768 Dated:15.10.2024

Read the following:

1. GO Rt No.981, G.A. (SC.D) Department dt.27.05.2022.
2. Written Statement of Defence dated.22.06.2022, received from Sri A.B.Venkateswara Rao, IPS.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated by issue of Article of Charge (AoC) against Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989) former Additional Director General of Police, Intelligence, for violation of conduct rules that in his application dated 21.03.2022, he has requested the Government to accord permission to address the Press, but without waiting for the permission from the Government, the MoS addressed the Press on 21.03.2022.

2. Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), in the reference 2nd read above has submitted his Written Statement of Defence denying charge framed against him.

3. The issue has been examined. It is observed that the charge framed against the MoS is that he addressed the Media on 21.03.2022 at Vijayawada on issue of Pegasus, without previous sanction of the Government and that the act of the Member of Service is unbecoming of a Government servant. The Member of Service in his written statement of defence has submitted that he in his letter seeking permission for press conference has also informed that he will be addressing the media on 21.03.2022 at 04-00 P.M. Further he has stated that he addressed Media on 21.03.2022 on an official issue related Pegasus, which he is officially concerned with, within the conditions of Conduct rules. In the press conference he defended the action of the Government and he did not do any adverse criticism of Government. After careful consideration of the whole matter it is observed that in the application submitted by the individual he had sought permission for holding of the Press Conference on 21.03.2022 and also intimated about conducting of press meet at 4-00 PM. Further, the Article of Charge, doesn't allege any comments on Government in violation of Conduct Rules. It is therefore decided to drop further action against Sri A.B.Venkateswara Rao, IPS (RR:1989) (now retired).

4. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri A.B.Venkateswara Rao, IPS. (1989) (now retired) on the charges framed in the G.O. 1st read above.

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5. The Director General of Police (HoPF), Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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